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IGNORED BY OTHER POLITICIANS... BRITISH PENSIONERS DESERVE A NEW DEAL

ANY PRETENCE THAT the Conservatives were a caring party was torn to shreds when it was revealed that they had slipped in £50million worth of cuts to war pensions as a hidden part of the November budget. The worst proposed cut of all affected 10,000 veterans each year who would be unable to claim extra disability allowances for deterioration in their hearing after it had been damaged during military service.

A further 7,000 - 10,000 war disablement pensions would lose out as a result of what Ken Clarke referred to as a 'simplification' of the rules affecting benefits for such people. Yet the Government knew the effects of all this because before the announcement Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary wrote to William Waldegrave at the Treasury proposing a number of what he openly referred to as 'sweeteners' to split any opposition to the cuts.

The cuts could now, in theory, be imposed by Ministerial regulation but since the explosion of anger when news of them leaked out, it is unlikely that they will now be put into effect - certainly not until after the general election.

However that a Conservative Government should even think of such mean-minded cuts, shows just how little they care about those individuals who have served their country.

But Labour is no better. In a survey carried out in early 1996 it was shown that some councils

treat war pensioners' disability allowances as part of their income and this affects their entitlement to other services. Former anti-tank gunner Ted Maddison, 77, said he would rather go to jail than pay the extra housing costs that Labour Barnsley Council is demanding. He receives a disablement pension for injuries he received fighting the Japanese and during his imprisonment by them. It is primarily Labour Councils that have acted in this equally mean-minded manner.

Some things just never seem to



change. At the end of November the Public Records Office in Kew released the papers covering the claims for assistance sent in by soldiers returning from the First World War. One case serves to show how such men were treated.

John Cunningham, a private in the 12th East Yorkshire Regiment won a Victoria Cross in the Battle of the Somme in 1916. He continued in service but in 1918 he was badly wounded being shot in the chest and in both feet, he was initially registered as being 100% disabled and qualified for the maximum disability pensions of 40 shillings (equivalent to £43.40 in today's money). At the end of 1921 his position had become so

desperate that Cunningham was imprisoned for debt. However four months later he had his disablement assessment reduced to 60% and his pension to just 22 shillings, equivalent to £22.10 per week.

In a desperate attempt to get himself back to earning he asked the ministry to commute 6 shillings a week of his pension to a lump sum payment of £80 so that he could buy a horse and cart and start himself up in business. This was turned down flat.

Cunningham then drifted from one place to another. He died of TB, penniless, in a sanatorium in 1941. For most of this period the government in office was..... Conservative.

Alzheimer's: The Forgotten Disease

As a general rule Alzheimer's disease does not affect television personalities, politicians, pop stars or one of our burgeoning minorities. It primarily affects older people and consequently it is low on the list of priorities for Britain's 'Class Politique'. There are no pop concerts to raise funds for research, there is no day when television devotes a series of programmes to this disease, in fact it is, wherever possible, simply ignored.

Yet Alzheimer's Disease affects 650,000 in Britain. It is a slow degenerative brain disease which leads to memory loss and confusion. It is the most common form of dementia and there is no cure. Unlike AIDS it is not caused by being sexually promiscuous, nor by homosexual sex, nor by sharing drug needles. It strikes randomly and without

warning.

One elderly lady who suffers from the disease repeats herself endlessly and cannot find her way around her own home, however in some respects she retains her full mental agility. Some research into this type of the disease is being carried out, but on a relatively small scale.

There has been some advances in understanding how the disease operates. Professor Mike Mullan, working with a team of scientists at the University of South Florida, has discovered that damage to the fine network of blood vessels in the brain is one possible way in which the disease causes this dementia. Professor Mullan used to work in Britain, but he left five years ago because of the lack of funding of such research here. He said: "I wish I had gone five years earlier".

OLD FOLK HAVING TO SELL THEIR HOMES TO PAY FOR NURSING CARE



IT IS estimated that some 40,000 older people have to sell their homes each year to pay for their health care. Despite having paid health contributions all their lives they are then told that they will have to pay for care in a nursing home and this often means they have to sell, what may well be, their family home.

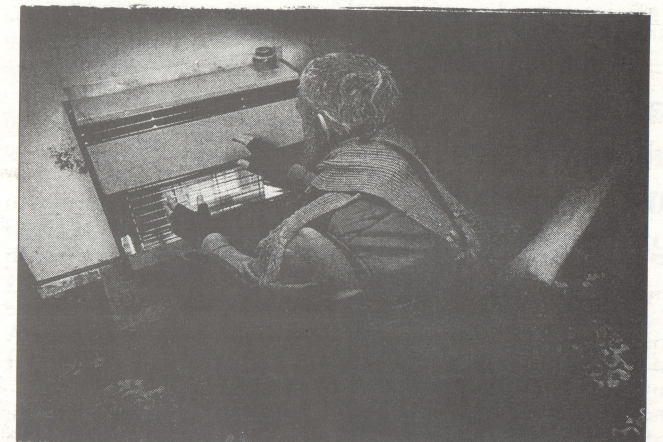
In some cases social services will meet the costs but in many parts of the country there is a waiting list for such help. This leads to the chaotic situation where older people are kept in hospital because social services cannot afford to place them in a nursing home.

This is unpleasant for older people and it is using up beds in hospitals which should be available for other patients. In Manchester alone some 200 older

people are being held up in this cash log jam.

The whole system of providing care for older people has become a lottery and has led to retired people being afraid and feeling insecure. Hugh Bayley, the Conservative M.P. for York admits that "People feel insecure because they do not have a clear and guaranteed entitlement to long term health care, even after a lifetime of paying tax and national insurance contributions".

Mr Bayley has had the courage to admit to the problem and to echo the fears of older people but with the Tories there is a world of difference between this and action - as was perhaps best shown by Margaret Thatcher's 1979 speech on immigration.



Too many politicians just want to forget about old people.

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School Twinning with Bangladesh

The chairman of governors of Heald Place primary school in Rusholme, Manchester, Mr Ahmed Ali, is shortly going to Bangladesh to arrange for the school to be twinned with a school in that country.

The trip is being paid for by the British Council (government funded with your money). The school head teacher, Mrs Ranju Martin, is said to be enthusiastic about the idea. One white parent spoke to *The Flag* and said: "This is just typical of the school, if they spent more time on teaching our children the basic 3 R's instead of all this silliness, our children might stand a chance in life".

M.P.'s are hypocrites over their pay rise

Last July the House of Commons voted on a massive 26% pay rise for themselves. 168 M.P.'s including some ministers, voted against the rise which gave them an extra £9,000 a year. Having made their gesture in the full knowledge that the pay rise would be voted through, these M.P.'s are showing just how hypocritical they are. Six months later just 11 of this 168 have refused to accept the pay rise. The other 157 have all taken it.

The accountant for the House of Commons has refused to reveal the names of these 157 hypocrites.

Disabled Ulster Police Officers call for boycott of IRA film

The Disabled Police Officers Association in Northern Ireland has called on people to boycott showings of the pro-IRA film *Michael Collins*. Sam Malcolmson, a former Royal Ulster Constabulary officer who was crippled during an IRA ambush in Crossmaglen, Co. Antrim said Neil Jordan's film about one of the founders of the IRA was 'republican propaganda'.

"The film has become one big insult to the men and women of the RUC who have given their lives or been maimed". The film is both one-sided and highly inaccurate, even showing a car bomb in 1920, well before the time they were invented.

Mr Malcolmson finished by saying: "Charlie McConaghy, the association's chairman, is both blind and deaf as a result of an IRA bomb. He was denied the chance of ever going to a film again".

Some British newspapers have condemned the film but not one single paper (other than *The Flag*) has refused to accept advertisements for it - money before honour?

Legal Aid for sex change murderer

Thousands of pounds of legal aid has been given to double killer Doug Wakefield so that he can have a sex change operation and be transferred to a women's jail.

Doug Wakefield throttled and stabbed his uncle 48 times with a garden fork and then buried him in the back garden in 1974. In 1978 he strangled and stabbed a fellow inmate in Parkhurst. He has now written his life story and is seeking a publisher for this.

Islamic fundamentalists bomb school in Algeria

One student was killed and another seriously injured when Islamic fundamentalists bombed a high school in Douaouda, Algeria. The reason is believed to be that many of the school's female pupils refused to wear the traditional Muslim headscarf.

In Algeria's civil war over the past five years a total of 60,000 people have been killed and recently elections were postponed which the Islamic fundamentalist parties were expected to win. The E.U. gives Algeria £94,000,000 in aid despite extensive human rights abuses by both sides in the civil war.

ELECTION NEWS

LEICESTER WEST

Candidate: CLIVE POTTER

CLIVE is one of a number of people who have recently joined the National Democrats from the United Kingdom Independence Party. Clive was one of the founders of their Leicester Branch but has now found a more pleasant and productive political home with the National Democrats.

Leicester West is one of two Leicester constituencies being fought which shows how rapidly the branch has grown over the past year, thanks to a very determined and active local leadership.

By fighting two constituencies it means that half of the people of Leicester will have the opportunity to vote National Democrat, and, of course, subsequently to join the party if they so choose.

1992 General Election Result

G. Janner (Lab)	22,574
J. Guthrie (Con)	18,596
G. Walker (LD)	6,402
C. Wintram (Grn)	517
J. Rosta (NLP)	171



For a full interview with Clive Potter on why he left the United Kingdom Independence Party and is now standing as a candidate for the National Democrats read the latest issue of *Vanguard* - see advert on page 4

GENERAL ELECTION CANDIDATES

1. West Bromwich West	Steve Edwards
2. Burton on Trent	Keith Sharp
3. Dagenham	Mike Hipperson
4. Birmingham, Ladywood	Andy Carmichael
5. Plymouth, Devonport	Stephen Ebbs
6. Londonderry East	Ian Anderson
7. Dudley North	Simon Darby
8. Stoke on Trent South	Brian Lawrence
9. Blackburn	Tina Wingfield
10. Wolverhampton N.E.	Martin Wingfield
11. Leicester South	Kevin Sills
12. East Yorkshire	Mike Cooper
13. Leicester West	Clive Potter
14. Nottingham South	Sharron Edwards
15. Derby South	Rob Evans

NAT-DEM ELECTION CAMPAIGN

The National Democrats have now selected the first 20 constituencies which will be contested at the general election, each issue of *The Flag* will give details of some of these.

The party wishes to increase this number, especially if the election is held back until next year. If you wish to be considered as a candidate or if you can help with financing or campaigning for a local candidate, please contact National Democrat head office on 0181-471 6872.

NOTTINGHAM SOUTH

Candidate: SHARRON EDWARDS

Sharron is one of the best candidates for the National Democrats and in the S.E. Staffs by-election she gained the party some excellent publicity and came sixth out of 13 candidates.

Nottingham is a new area for the National Democrats and the party will be dipping its toe into the election waters for the first time. However the East Midlands Regional Council is confident that as well as a reasonable result the party can expect to see rapid growth in this area.

At the last election this was a marginal seat held by Labour, however at this election it is likely to be a fairly safe Labour seat making it easier for the National Democrats to pick up votes.

By fighting a Nottingham seat it also opens up the possibility of gaining recruits throughout Nottinghamshire and this means that from the southern end of the East Midlands through to North Yorkshire there is at least one National Democrat candidate in each county.



Sharron Edwards is married to Steve, the West Midlands Regional Organiser of the National Democrats. He is contesting West Bromwich West.

1992 General Election Result

A. Simpson (Lab)	25,771
M. Brandon-Bravo (Con)	22,590
G. Long (LD)	5,408
J. Christou (NLP)	263

DERBY SOUTH

Candidate: ROBERT EVANS

Robert is a 31 year old married man from South Derbyshire and who has served ten years with the Royal Marines with tours of duty in many parts of the world. Robert is taking on a former deputy leader of the Labour Party in Derby South. Margaret Beckett won the seat in 1992 with a 7,000 majority.

This is the heart land of the East Midlands Region of the National Democrats and the party has been steadily building up its support in this area. Robert can be sure that an excellent campaign will be fought in this area boosting still further this highly productive part of the country for the National Democrats.

1992 General Election Result

M. Beckett (Lab)	25,917
N. Brown (Con)	18,981
J. Hartropp (LD)	5,198



Two years ago the party had only one small branch in the East Midlands now they are contesting a total of 6 seats between the four existing branches. They already have plans for further expansion.

British Airways Loses Another 600 Jobs To "Virtual Immigration"

FOLLOWING OUR REPORT in the last issue that British Airways are sacking thousands of British computer staff and replacing them with "virtual immigrants" in India working on BA computers in the UK via international data lines, we have been informed that BA is to give even more British jobs to Indians in this way.

This time it is 600 of the 1100 staff in BA's revenue accounting department who are to lose their jobs over the next three years to Indians working at World Network services in Bombay. So much cheaper are they to pay than the British workers whose jobs they are stealing that BA expects to save £9million a year by this move.

Whilst 600 more of its staff are dumped on the dole, their jobs exported to the Third World. That may mean even huger profits for BA, but it means even more misery for ever more unemployed Britons. And even more demands on those British taxpayers whose jobs have not yet been sold off to tropical sweatshops and whose taxes

must now support even more newly unemployed fellow citizens.

The process of giving away British jobs down a computer link line to Third World virtual immigrants will go on until all the millions of people in this country whose work can be stolen away in this manner have been dumped on the dole. Making fatter profits for their employees, but wrecking our country's economy and sending the taxes of those lucky enough to keep their jobs soaring to fund the hugely increased social security costs. Costs incurred in giving taxpayers' cash to millions of skilled hard-working people perfectly able and willing to earn their own living if their jobs had not been drained out of the country down a wire.

The result will be economic disaster for our country. The mass replacement of British workers earning a living in Britain and putting their wages back into the British economy through the goods and services they buy with unemployed Britons kept alive by a dwindling

band of taxpayers paying ever higher taxes and having far less to spend in British shops on British goods (putting those Britons, who make or sell the goods they can no longer afford to buy, on the dole as well!), whilst Third Worlders spend wages paid by British firms in Third World shops on Third World workers' produce.

Tory, Liberal and 'New Labour' - all now pledged to serve the bosses who alone benefit from it - will do nothing

to stop the virtual immigration job drain disaster gathering pace. Only the National Democrats will act to save the millions of jobs at stake. By banning British based firms outsourcing British jobs overseas via computer and communications technology - "Virtual Immigration" - and by taking whatever other measures are necessary to protect British jobs, and the British economy, from being undercut by cheap Third World labour.

LATE EXTRA: It has just come to the notice of our correspondent that British Airways have very recently taken this lunacy one step further. If you now phone up to book an airline seat instead of talking to someone in Britain your call is diverted direct to India. Reservations for seats are now handled by computer staff several thousand miles away.

Would any of our readers like to hazard a guess on exactly how long it will be before the Directors propose a change of name of the airline - 6 months, 12 months, 2 years??



Chairman of British Airways: Lord King

Teaching history goes mad

Schoolchildren can learn about the history of British washing methods but they may not be taught the nation's political history under the GCSE national curriculum. So said Chris McGovern, director of the History Curriculum Association at the end of November.

He was launching a campaign to persuade the Government to include a compulsory core of traditional history in what is otherwise a very 'trendy' package. This package allows history to be taught from a combination of 17 different perspectives which include: gender, ethnic diversity, aesthetics and the environment.

Chris McGovern said: "The result is that pupils aged 14 and 15 are no longer being taught the core of British history. The traditional landmarks, the definitive events and personalities of our past, have gone by the board. Children are losing their sense of national identity".

The only other country to allow such an absurd situation is...Albania.

Escaped IRA man tries to avoid extradition

IRA jailbreaker, Kevin Artt, claimed that it would be unsafe for him to be returned to jail in Northern Ireland and that he should be allowed to stay in America. His lawyer was pleading for his right to stay in America at a court extradition hearing in San Francisco. Artt was jailed for the murder of a deputy warden in Ulster in 1978.

Oxfam organises immigrant party in Manchester

'Refugees' from all over the world gathered at a party organised by Oxfam in Manchester Town Hall to celebrate their new lives in Britain. Refugees from countries such as Vietnam, Iraq, Chile, Somalia and Bosnia have all been granted the right to stay in this country.

They claim that they were forced to flee because of threats to their lives and because of discrimination. An interesting claim as the U.N. does not recognise the right to asylum in any country because of a threat of discrimination. The UN charter also says refugees should be accepted by their nearest country of sanctuary.

"England is America's poodle"

Media boss Ted Turner of American television network CNN spoke at a forum recently saying that America was wrong to oppose the re-election of UN Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali.

He told the meeting: "Even England voted to re-elect this man and England always does what the United States asks them to do".

Gay police force: 'A laughing stock'

The campaign by South Yorkshire Police to recruit more homosexual officers has been condemned by Acting Det. Chief Inspector David Bullett, who has more than 28 years service. He said: "I went down to my local and the landlord could not stop laughing.". He viewed recent advertisements as the "last straw" in a string of modern management initiatives and courses. He said: "I am ashamed and embarrassed to be a member of this organisation".

Presumably in order to monitor their success they will need to ask every serving officer about their sexual practices, they may even get complaints from other sexual minorities - transvestite police, sado-masochistic police....

National Lottery gives £75,000 to male prostitutes

An organisation called Yorkshire Mesmac - Men Who Enjoy Sex With Men - Action Committee has been awarded a £75,000 grant from the proceeds of the National Lottery by the Yorkshire Regional Board. The Lottery's Regional Manager, Jane Emanuel defended the decision saying: "This group gives them access to their rights and benefits and this maybe enables them to make positive life choices".

At the same time the Leeds Wounded Warriors Welfare Committee had a grant application for £80,000 to replace their 24-year old coach, turned down. Guy Locke, the chairman of this group said: "I am amazed that money can be found for a group which gives advice to male prostitutes. We are a group of men who gave their services to the country to fight Nazism".

Another Race Equality Council guilty of racial discrimination

Cleveland Race Equality Council is the latest such body to be found guilty of discrimination after the white son of a Ukrainian refugee was refused a job in favour of a less experienced black man. The investigating panel also found that the officials of the Council and of the national Commission for Racial Equality had been "untruthful" to an M.P. who became involved in the issue - in other words they lied!

Cleveland Race Equality Council is funded to the tune of £200,000 a year, including a £120,000 grant from the National Lottery.

This latest decision means that the type of organisations which have now been found guilty most often of discrimination are.....race equality councils.

Every secondary school in Manchester has a drugs problem

Assistant Chief Constable Alan Castree said recently: "Sadly, there is a drug problem in every secondary school in our area". Ten years ago only one to two per cent of school age children used drugs, now in Greater Manchester, more than half admit to having taken drugs before the age of 16.

Although the police agreed they had powers to enter schools, they said teachers were reluctant to call in police when drugs appeared because they didn't want to get a bad name among parents.

A local drugs charity was even more supine in its attitude: Mike Linnell of drugs group Lifeline said: "We at Lifeline are not claiming we have the solution, no one has. What we desperately need is some meaningful dialogue to consider the situation and hopefully come up with a solution. It is something the politicians are failing to address".

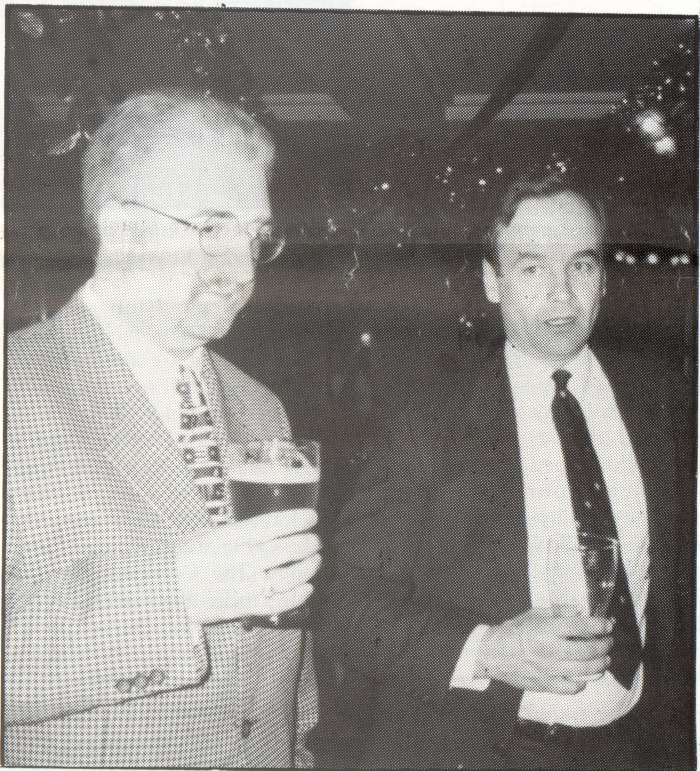
One wonders how many people would still be selling drugs to school children if the next twenty major drug dealers were displayed hanging from a new set of gallows on Tyburn corner.

Teachers are professional

The teaching unions are always demanding that their members be treated as professional people and this is fully supported by the National Democrats....just as soon as the profession starts behaving professionally.

One maths teacher, Israr Khan, demonstrated his professionalism by jumping on to a stage and disrupting his school's Christmas concert rehearsals to protest about Christian references in the carols. Where has been the condemnation from teaching unions about bringing their profession into disrepute. Even the football authorities have better discipline than this.

National Democrat Christmas Dinner



Derby Branch hosts 1996 Christmas Dinner: A good time was had by all

THE CHRISTMAS DINNER of the National Democrats took place on Saturday 30th November at a first class hotel in Derby. It followed the first meeting of the new National Directorate which took place in the afternoon. After a hard afternoon's work it was an ideal way for everyone to relax, to chat over current political matters and to enjoy the evening.

For the dinner members of the Directorate were joined by a number of other members to make what was certainly the most enjoyable dinner that has so far been organised by the party. The restaurant provided an excellent and efficiently and well served meal with live musical entertainment.

The party took up a large section of the restaurant and it was particularly nice to see a

number of wives and girlfriends attending. Voices on the phone could now be related to people and everyone had a very, very pleasant evening.

A number of members stayed overnight at the hotel allowing plenty of time for a chat after the meal, which went on until the early hours. There is no doubt that this event will be repeated and in view of its success we would urge members to book early. This year a small number of members left it too late and could not be accommodated. Next year it seems likely that the numbers will substantially increase and tickets could well be at a premium.

Congratulations and thanks should be extended to the East Midlands Region for organising this excellent event.



France jails rap band for 'insulting behaviour' towards old people

French nationalist leader Jean Marie Le Pen campaigned hard for the prosecution of a rap band, Nique Ta Mere (F... Your Mother). In November they finally came to court in Toulon, which has an FN Mayor.

They were charged with: "insulting behaviour towards people in authority during the exercise of their duties, by making injurious remarks before a public of several thousand people".

The band which is mainly composed of North Africans, had gained notoriety for their lyrics which included: "Kill the cops" and "Let's go down to the presidential palace and kill all the old people". The court case was instigated by complaints from 26 police officers and the result was that two members of the band were jailed for six months. The charges arose out of a pop concert which had been called to protest at the democratic election of M. Jean-Marie Le Chevalier as FN Mayor of Toulon.



Liverpool to get £14million Chinese cultural centre

Liverpool's Chinatown is hoping to attract grants from the Millennium Fund to help with the building of a £14million Chinese cultural centre in Liverpool. The centre will include a pagoda style rooftop and will be a focus for Chinese culture and trade; it will also include a temple dedicated to Buddhism and Taoism.

It is proposed to site the new centre in...Nelson Street.

No more water shortages?

A vast iceberg that could supply 20% of the world's drinking water has broken off from east Antarctica and has begun a 10 year drift to the north - Yorkshire Water were unavailable to comment on the rumour that they were planning to tow it to Hull.

Criminals in jail still cop the loot

Convicted killers serving their terms in psychiatric hospitals have been claiming hundreds of thousands of pounds a year in social security payments. Under DSS rules prisoners in psychiatric hospitals can claim income support of up to £1,415 a year..

Prisoners who are believed to have claimed include Moors murderer Ian Brady and Yorkshire Ripper Peter Sutcliffe. Prisoners can also earn up to £500 working inside the prison.

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IT WILL ALL END IN TEARS - IT ALREADY HAS

They took us into the Common Market and have kept us in the European Union.

Immigration has been running at between 50,000 and 100,000 every year since they came to power. They have presided over the implementation of the Common Fisheries Policy - the sacking of British fishermen.

Crime has doubled since they came to power.

The family allowance has been drastically reduced in real terms.

They are accepting that 4 million new houses will have to be built in Britain - eroding our countryside.

They are talking to Sinn Fein/IRA terrorist leaders.

They are doing nothing to raise the standards of our media.

They have been running down our defence forces.

Tory Appeasement Always Ends in Violence and Suffering



IT WAS A CONSERVATIVE Prime Minister, Neville Chamberlain, who gave Hitler hope of easy military victory by his policy of appeasement. It was a Conservative Foreign Minister, Lord Carrington, whose speeches and actions led the Argentinians to believe that Britain would stand by while they invaded the Falkland Islands. It was a Conservative Home Secretary, William Whitelaw, who sat down with the senior military commanders of the I.R.A. thus giving them encouragement to carry on their murderous campaign.

In each case the 'miscalculation' resulted in violence and death for many innocent victims. You would have thought by now that the Tories would have learned that appeasement doesn't work - but apparently not. John Major and Patrick Mayhew are

still insisting that there is an I.R.A. ceasefire when bombs are going off and people are being killed in London, in Belfast, in Londonderry, etc. The Tories are still engaging in their own form of 'Munich' by hoping that Sinn Fein/I.R.A. will join their talks. The lessons of Munich, Buenos Aires and the Home Office were that when faced by men of violence appeasement doesn't work - only victory solves the problem. Yet the Government has refused to take on the men of violence of Sinn Fein/I.R.A. and treat them as the terrorist organisation that they are. Despite the total bad faith shown by the I.R.A. time and time again, despite the ceasefire having collapsed, the Tory line is that if there is a ceasefire on a Monday then Sinn Fein can join the talks on a Tuesday.

Sean O'Callaghan joined the

Promoting Family Values?

OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS the Conservative Government has attempted to launch several initiatives to revive family life, to promote a caring society and encourage traditional values. 'Back to Basics' fell into humiliating chaos with revelation after revelation about the greed and lack of any moral values by Conservative M.P.'s.

Hardly has John Major launched his latest initiative to promote family values than Jerry Hayes, 43, the Tory M.P. for Harlow is alleged to have had a homosexual affair with 24 year old Paul Stone. Hayes claims that this was non-sexual but admits that the relationship was a mistake. However Hayes has worked hard to promote himself as an ideal family man, happily married to 40 year old Alison and with two children aged nine and eleven.

As with so much else it is a case of totally failing to practise what they are preaching. The same hypocrisy was shown over the salaries of M.P.'s which were raised by some 26% at exactly the same time that the Government was warning of the dangers that pay rises might cause to the level of inflation.

The Tories have, in fact, been completely unsuccessful in any of their stated aims of turning Britain into a moral and caring

society. In a recent survey by the Foundation for Civil Society it was shown that our society is continuing to be degraded - voluntary workers are a tiny minority, almost exclusively white, middle aged and middle class; neighbourliness has undergone a collapse; the idea of civic responsibility has almost disappeared.

Politicians are regarded as dishonest and rate badly in surveys of their standing in

I.R.A. at the age of 15 and killed two people during his terrorist career. He has now left that organisation and in a recent interview said: "As the I.R.A.'s influence increases, civil war looms closer. Everybody in his right mind wants peace. I wish for peace with all my heart, but cuddling up to the I.R.A. will not bring peace. For 26 years they have butchered and tortured, lied and cheated and got away with it". Got away with it for the last 18 years under a Conservative Government.

1997 has already started with

bombs being found and bombs going off, but John Major still gives them encouragement by offering talks. Hitler might have been stopped much earlier by a united show of strength and determination; The Argentinians might have been dissuaded from invasion by sending just one frigate at the right time; the I.R.A. might have already been defeated if the British Government would adopt the policy of the National Democrats: "Ulster is British forever", and by catching and hanging a few I.R.A. terrorists.



TORY TREACHERY



Jerry Hayes Conservative M.P. promoting family values but has homosexual boyfriend.

society. Membership of the Conservative Party has declined to just 25% of its 1945 figure, while the Labour Party is standing at around 50%.

What is needed now is a party that can revolutionise the attitudes of society and promote high levels of morality, caring for the less able, and helping young families. The Conservatives are unable to do this because their first allegiance is to international business and ruthless efficiency.

To the National Democrats promoting a stable society, prosperous communities and contented families is far more important. The destruction of communities by multinational industries is always a crucial test of which is more important: international profit or human happiness. The Conservatives always go for the former, the National Democrats regard the latter as being of greater importance.

Europe: the Tories took us in

Considering that it was a Conservative Prime Minister who took Britain into the Common Market, a Tory Prime Minister who signed the Maastricht Treaty and the Tories who have kept us in the E.C./E.U. for the past 18 years, Conservative M.P.'s still thinking there is some chance of a Tory Government bringing us back out, seems incredible.

However Bill Cash is still trying to be a Conservative and an anti-European at the same time. In a recent letter to the



Daily Telegraph he calls for Britain to use its veto over matters such as the single currency, foreign policy and defence. But he acknowledges that Germany will not stand for this. He quotes Jurgen Osterhalt, the German ambassador to Britain: "Those who argue against monetary (and therefore political) union would be proved irrelevant by the force of the European will. It was Germany's historic mission to provide that will".

I seem to remember another German talking about their historic mission, they even made a film called "The Triumph of the Will". I also remember that that ended in disaster.

Bill Cash M.P. has tried for the past 18 years to keep Britain out of a federal Europe while his party's leadership, and German 'will power' drag us ever deeper - time to try another way?



TORY APPEASERS

Far Left: William Whitelaw who met I.R.A. leaders; Right Top: Lord Carrington who gave hope to the Argentinians; Bottom Right: Neville Chamberlain who tried to appease Hitler.

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Tony Blair's Euro Split

FOR THE PAST FEW YEARS the Conservatives have been hopelessly split over Europe making it impossible for them to implement any form of coherent economic policy. One section wants to take Britain out of the E.U. completely, one section wants to stay in but halt any moves to a federal Europe and one section is totally in favour of a European Super State. Tony Blair's New Labour Party is exactly the same.

If elected he will find the same divisions and the same inability to devise and carry through any semblance of an economic policy. In December a group of 50 Labour Euro-Sceptic M.P.'s and M.E.P.'s warned him that unless he completely ruled out joining a single currency before the general election he would find it impossible to get his programme of legislation through Parliament.

Already Tony Blair is having to engage in "double talk" in an effort to preserve party unity in the run up to the election. On one hand he has said "I've made it absolutely clear that we will retain the national veto. That in areas such as defence, taxation, immigration and border controls the British veto will remain". However he also said that he would be prepared to look at majority voting "on some areas of industrial policy, regional affairs,

social policy, reform of the Common Agricultural Policy and the environment apart from green taxes".

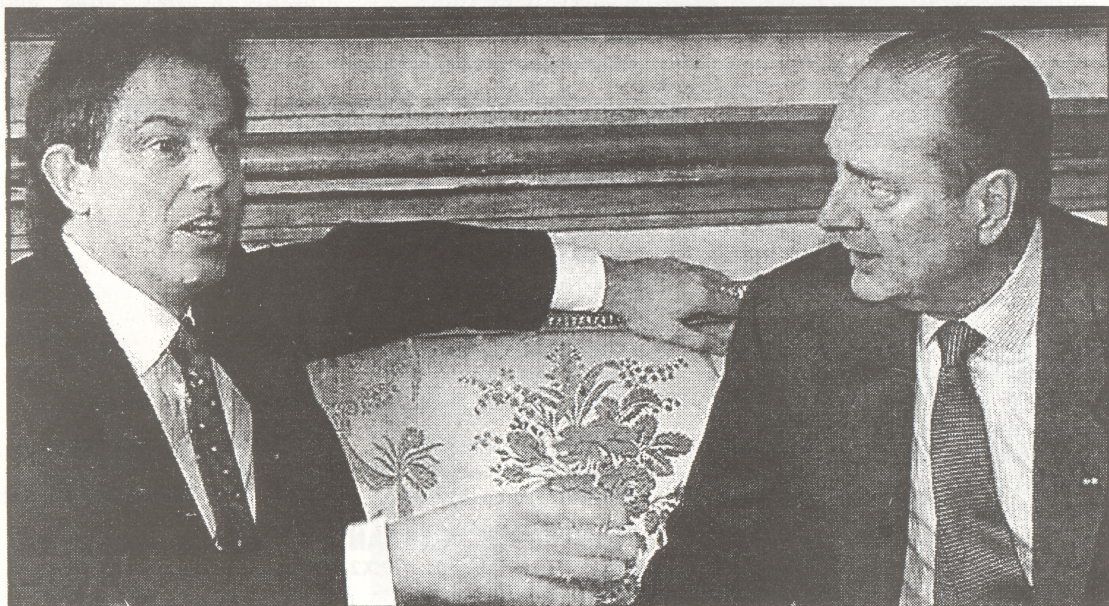
The idea that he can get his way in each of these cases as distinct from the wishes of each and every one of the other member states is ludicrous. As Robin Cook said, in an enlarged European Union of 25 or 26 nation states "If you want reform, you do have to have majority voting to stop one, perhaps small,

nation obstructing progress". If the progress is a change in the Common Fisheries Policy and the small country is Britain then presumably New Labour would be quite happy to swap its red flag for a white one.

Last year Tony Blair abstained in a vote on the ruling by the European Court of Human Rights which demanded that homosexuals be allowed in the armed forces. After the debate he told the BBC Radio 4's Today programme: "I don't believe that the mere fact that people are homosexual should mean that they are automatically discharged".

Again trying to square the circle Blair is having to ignore a survey by the Ministry of Defence showing that troops and senior officers are strongly against any relaxation of the ban. As with so many issues he will find you can't please the British people and the European Parliament or Court.

The conclusion of all this is that should Tony Blair be elected, then whenever faced by a dilemma between the wishes of Europe and his obligations to the British people, he will say all things to all men...and then give in to Europe.



"No Tony there is absolutely no chance of you ever becoming President of Europe, it's going to be me or Kohl, you British don't stand a chance".

Diane Abbot: Motormouth

HARDLY had Diane Abbot made herself look foolish over her remarks about Finnish blonde nurses working in this country than she is at it again.

'Motormouth' Abbot gave an interview to Metline, the magazine of the London Branch of the Police Federation. In it she said: "I think the black community resents the fact that leading figures within the police force, like Paul Condon, seem to

single out the black community as more likely to be criminals. The vast majority of the black community don't like that. One of the most pernicious things Paul Condon said about muggings was to give the impression that by virtue of being black, black people were more likely to be criminals. There is no statistical basis for that".

It is, of course, perfectly true that apart from "racial attacks"

there is little published evidence to prove or disprove this fact. But as Diane Abbot knows, the reason for this is that in the early 1980's the evidence was gathered and with respect to crimes such as street muggings, it showed that in parts of London up to 90% of the perpetrators were black and up to 90% of the victims were white - the police decided to 'stop collecting such figures.

LOW PAID; PENSIONER: UNEMPLOYED NEW LABOUR OFFERS NOTHING

TONY BLAIR is so keen on buttering up his new 'Champagne Socialists' and his 'Media Darlings' that he will do almost anything to curry favour with them. As a result it may be quite difficult to find much difference in policy to that of the Tory Governments that have been in power for the last 18 years.

Tony Blair has already announced that New Labour has abandoned any intention of raising income tax from 40p to 50p in the £ for those earning £100,000 or more. This together with his commitment to staying in Europe, to expanding foreign aid, to allowing in floods of foreign imports - this all means that many poorer people can expect absolutely no help from New Labour, simply because they will have no help to offer.

Tony Blair and his 'spin doctors' like Peter Mandelson believe that the less well off in society have no choice but to vote Labour - therefore they see no point in offering anything to them. Instead Tony Blair is only interested in those members of the middle classes, including, of course, all the media luvvies, etc., who might be persuaded to vote for him as long as there is no danger of it costing them anything.

As a result Tony Blair, just before Christmas, vetoed any idea of raising income tax for the very rich: last June New Labour abandoned any commitment to raising the real value of the basic state pension from its current abysmal level of just £61 per week; in December Peter Hain, Labour's employment spokesman, announced that public sector employees would be encouraged to accept low pay in return for guarantees of job security.

So desperate has the Labour Party become in its bid to be attractive to the media and financial interests that exert such

George Soros, the man who made millions out of speculating against the pound; now one of the people Tony Blair talks to.



power in Britain that they have become more important, and must be appeased, than the rights and interests of British working men and women and those who are even less well off.

On 10th April 1996 Tony Blair spoke to an audience in New York that included representatives from BZW, Goldman Sachs, S.G. Warburg and Lazards, George Soros, the financial wheeler-dealer and speculator, was also present.

Tony Blair announced that he was a "passionate free trader and unashamed anti-protectionist". He promised them that New Labour would not set any taxes that might deter overseas companies. He said that his party understood that tax rates must be competitive internationally to attract international business investment. He went on to say that the real threat in Europe (to the gathered financial interests) came from a "vocal, protectionist, isolationist and extreme right wing" - dead right. The threat to

international free trade, to bartering over men's lives, to the auctioning of peoples' futures, to the speculators, to the profiteering financial houses does come from a very vocal, highly protectionist right wing in Europe - from parties like the FN in France and the National Democrats in Britain - parties that put people before the interests of Lazards, BZW, Goldman Sachs, S.G. Warburg and George Soros.

With sensible nationalist policies that include the introduction of import tariffs, the withdrawal from the EU, and restrictions on the free movement of capital it would not be necessary to raise any levels of income tax to finance decent pensions and to provide all the other services that the Labour Party once advocated - but it would take a nationalist party to achieve this, not a simpering, slimy, ingratiating individual like the one currently leading the New Labour Party.

New Labour And The Falklands

ON 8th December Tony Lloyd, Labour foreign affairs spokesman visited the Falklands and urged the islanders to forge closer relations with Buenos Aires and to work for a "normalisation" of contacts. He also described the ban on Argentine passport holders from entering the islands as "an absurd anomaly".

Islanders were very unhappy about his comments, especially as Carlos Menem, the Argentine leader, still claims sovereignty over the islands and has recently been making political capital out

of this.

Tony Lloyd, in a letter to The Times, pointed out that "normalisation" of relations with Argentina could not be imposed on the islanders, however his reassurances about the long term future of the islands have a horrible similarity with Labour Spokesmen's comments on Northern Ireland which always amount to: "Northern Ireland stays British until we can persuade enough loyalists to leave the province, or until we can gain enough republicans to give a 51:49% vote against the

loyalists - then we will sell them out".

With the Falkland Islands the granting of Argentine passport holders the right to visit the Islands would, no doubt, be followed by their right to settle and as soon as there are enough of them, then Labour can sell out the Islanders.

The people of the Falklands are quite right not to trust Labour: the loyalist people of Northern Ireland are right not to trust Labour; the rest of the British people should not put their trust in Labour.

PROMISES, PROMISES

Tony Blair would give more power to the European Parliament.

New Labour will do nothing to crack down on crime.

Blair will give up the national veto in Europe.

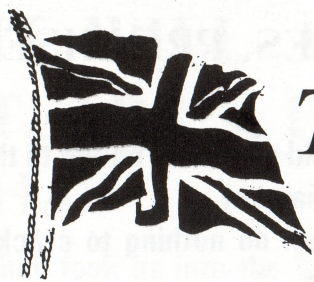
He will allow further immigration to Britain.

Labour is committed to waste more of your money on Overseas Aid and on Europe.

New Labour contains Sinn Fein/IRA supporters.

Under a New Labour government local councils will spend more and rates and rents will have to be increased.

New Labour has been criticised by environmental groups for having no proper environmental policy.



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DIRECTORATE ELECTIONS

The annual elections to the National Directorate took place at the end of 1996 and the results are given below:-

ELECTED TO SERVE ON THE NATIONAL DIRECTORATE:

Directly Elected:-

Ian Anderson
Andy Carmichael
Sharron Edwards
Keith Sharp
Ingga Yngvisson
Simon Darby

Regional Organisers:-

Mike Cooper, Yorkshire
Stephen Ebbs, North West
Steve Edwards, West Midlands
Graham Hardy, East Midlands
Tom Mundy, Thames Valley
Gary Needs, West of England
Mike Hipperson, London

At the 1st meeting of this new Directorate the following internal elections were made:-

CHAIRMAN

Ian Anderson
DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

Stephen Ebbs

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Graham Hardy

Andy Carmichael

Sharron Edwards

Gary Needs

POLICY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN

Graham Hardy

ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT

Andy Carmichael

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

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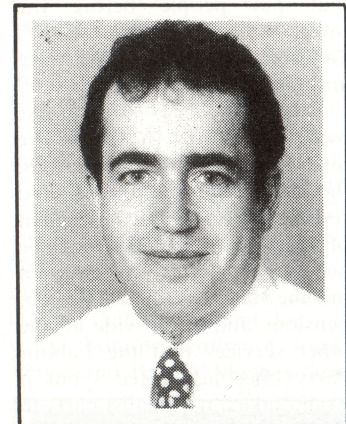
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FUND-RAISING



Simon Darby

Merseyside West By-Election

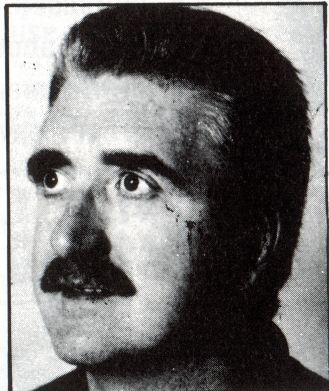
THE National Democrat candidate, Simon Darby, in the Merseyside West European Parliamentary by-election on 12th December polled 718 votes, just under 1.5% coming fifth out of six candidates, in an extremely low poll. Just 11% of the electorate bothered to vote, the lowest ever recorded in a European election.

This was the first time the National Democrats had ever fought any type of election in the North West of England. The ability of the region to mount a proper campaign with over a quarter of a million leaflets going out is a good sign for the general

election.

The party has also received a substantial number of enquiries not only from the immediate area but from across the North West. Enough genuine enquiries have come from the Liverpool area to properly organise a branch and there is a possibility of a group being formed in Southport as well.

The name National Democrat also received extensive coverage in the media in the North West and some national coverage as well. This is important as only when the name is well known can the party expect to significantly build up its vote.



Graham Hardy

Keith Sharp

EDITOR OF THE FLAG

Ian Anderson

EDITOR OF VANGUARD

Stephen Ebbs

The main changes in these are the election of Sharron Edwards to the Executive Council to fill a vacancy that there has been for some time; the introduction of an Information Technology Department under the chairmanship of Simon Darby and the replacement of Ian Anderson by Graham Hardy as chairman of the Policy Department.

The election of Simon Darby to this new department simply reflects the work that he has done over the past year or so in setting up the party on the Internet with its own home page. This has been a great success and hundreds of new people now access these pages each week.

The election of Graham Hardy to the Policy Department was proposed by Ian Anderson and reflects the growing strength in depth of the party leadership. Ian Anderson has held the chairmanship of the policy department for some considerable time and was responsible for the production of our current manifesto with its range of sensible, ideologically coherent and well reasoned policies. However, although Ian will continue to serve on the policy committee he said that this department needed some new impetus so that it could develop policies in specific areas and he felt that Graham was the ideal person for this important position.

The General Election Stakes Approach...

AS THE GENERAL ELECTION approaches all the media pundits go into overdrive and we are now seeing the start of the 'general election stakes' horse race. It is sad but frankly this is how it is often portrayed, the issues are mentioned about as often as a horse's pedigree, while the opinion polls, who is ahead of who, who is gaining on who, etc. dominate the coverage, until during the last week or the last furlong it narrows down to a two horse race... *Yes it's neck and neck, but Blair is still ahead, but is now being pressed closely by Major. Ashdown is running a poor third but has already said he will demand a steward's enquiry, yes, it's Blair by a short head...* and Labour runs the country for the next five years and the poor old punters have been ripped off again while the bookies clear up.

Of course one reason for this style of coverage is plainly obvious: there is so little to choose between the two front runners that there is little point in debating the issues: one extra penny on income tax and an extra teacher in one in ten schools, or keep the penny and lose the teacher. On all the main issues facing our country: Europe, Law and Order, What is Taught in

Schools, The Economy, etc. there is almost no difference.

As Lord Hailsham said, we now live in an elective dictatorship, but now we can alter the name at the top while the policies remain the same.

Some political parties think they can break this autocracy in one go at this general election, but this is merely tilting at windmills. The real way of regaining our freedom is by the slow hard work that is the daily diet for the National Democrats. It is the process of contesting local elections, building a power base, proving your suitability for office and making the real changes that are wanted by the people, as has been shown by parties like the FN in France.

In this way the British public instead of backing one of the two establishment horses at each election, may decide that the attractive outsider which has been winning other races is worth a bet. Perhaps even better they will stop treating it as a horse race, trying to back the winner, and will treat it as a matter that is of vital importance not only to them but to their children and grandchildren.

Interview with former member of U.K.I.P.

In the following interview we aim to examine the phenomenon regarding the recruitment to the National Democrats of quality ex-members of the United Kingdom Independence Party. Keith Sharp is now the National Fundraising Chairman of the National Democrats, he is also the Burton Branch Organiser and Prospective Parliamentary candidate for Burton. He was recently elected onto the Party's National Directorate. Keith is involved in the retail trade and previously served 15 years in the army including tours of duty in Northern Ireland and the Falklands.

EDITOR: Would you urge other members of U.K.I.P. to join the National Democrats?

KEITH: That's down to a person's conscience to decide and it depends on how serious one is about politics. If UKIP members are prepared, I must say, to accept second best by staying faithful then that is their loss. I now believe that the future of an independent Britain lies with the National Democrats.

EDITOR: What turned you to the National Democrats from UKIP?

KEITH: Many things. Not least the fact that the organisation, energy and determination of the National Democrats is awesome, particularly when compared with UKIP. The National Democrats stand for, and more importantly, act upon a manifesto of policies

parallel to my own ideology which is something I had mistakenly thought I would find with UKIP. Initially I was pointed in the direction of the National Democrats by a member of UKIP who is sympathetic to the Nat-Dems.

EDITOR: For how long were you a member of UKIP?

KEITH: Officially 12 months from August 1995 although I became involved some six months prior to this. I am still receiving local and national bulletins from them - they must be very anxious to prop up their paper membership. What is quite bizarre is that I have informed their local Organiser of my National Democrat membership and have even had letters published in the local paper in my capacity as a prospective candidate for the National Democrats.

EDITOR: Did you attend any UKIP meetings?

KEITH: Yes, local ones. I soon became disillusioned though, especially when I attended one particular Regional meeting with just three people present *including myself!* In contrast I've attended National Democrat branch meetings attended by over 30 people and which, unlike the UKIP meeting mentioned, didn't cover two counties.

EDITOR: Did you hold any official position within UKIP?

KEITH: No, although I offered my administrative assistance on several occasions. I got the distinct impression there was a

Keith Sharp, from UKIP member to National Democrat official.



"closed shop" regime, the "old school tie" mentality.

EDITOR: What first attracted you to UKIP?

KEITH: Their reputed strong stance against Britain's membership of the E.U. I thought they may have radical viewpoints on other political subjects. However, it soon became clear to me that their disagreement with EU membership was their main and even their only issue.

EDITOR: So UKIP don't have a manifesto regarding other political issues?

KEITH: Well, they had what I would describe as a written agenda on other political matters, which, to me, seemed very vague. To me it leant towards liberalism which surprised me as I expected the opposite from a party apparently made up largely of ex-Tories.

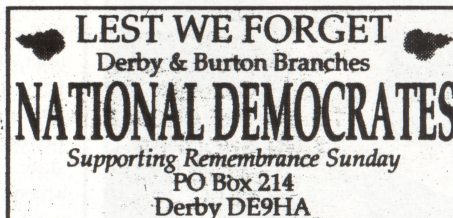
EDITOR: Do you think UKIP has

any future?

KEITH: Having seen their operation at first hand, it appears to me that they are going nowhere. In essence the UKIP is largely a talking shop and one issue pressure valve. What is sad is that it detracts from other political issues presently blighting Britain, such as law and order, the health service, the environment, etc. which are at least as important. The National Democrats will fight E.U. membership tooth and nail along with other burning issues.

There are some intelligent people with UKIP with the ability to take on board a full political agenda. I have to say some are wasted on UKIP, and having seen their recent bulletins I feel that their party is badly led and is taking the party blindly and steadily downstream towards a very large and uncomfortable waterfall.

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Derby Shows The Way

NATIONAL DEMOCRAT BRANCHES have been shaming other parties over their lack of support for the nation's annual Remembrance Day events. In Derby the local branch participated with about 30 local businesses in supporting a local newspaper campaign to promote the event particularly amongst younger people.

In a special newspaper feature the National Democrats took an advert which helps pay for the page and allows the paper to advertise the work of the Royal British Legion. The local Conservatives also took an advert but neither the Labour Party nor the Liberal Democrats participated to the anger of some letter writers to the newspaper.

Derby Branch is one of a number of National Democrat branches which lay wreaths at their local war memorials all

round the country - the only minor party to do so. Blackburn branch is another one that does this and they also helped to organise a phone in protest to the local radio station when Radio Lancashire failed to observe the two minute silence on Armistice Day. According to local reports the staff of the radio station wanted to hold the two minute silence but a senior BBC official prevented them from doing so. As a result the station was besieged by a barrage of complaints - partly as a result of National Democrat members phoning each other and creating a web of complaints about this appalling decision.

They were joined in this chorus by Dame Vera Lynn, who lives in Clayton-le-Woods and who said: "If they cannot give up two minutes for people who gave their lives then it's disgusting".

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To: Letters to the Editor, P.O. Box 2269, London E6 3RF.



Labour's Euro Split

Sir,
A friend of mine showed me a copy of your newspaper, *The Flag*, recently and I was very interested in your article on Britain and Europe, particularly the section on the Labour Party.

Everyone knows that the Tories are split over Europe but it is amazing how many people think that Labour have any sort of a proper stand on Europe. If anything, they are even more split with some staunch Euro sceptics. Having been a supporter of British independence and those organisations which are working for this I am not tempted to vote for either Labour or the Tories. But if Tony Blair wins the election it will be fascinating to see whether he can hold his party together.

My view is that it will take only months for a Labour government to fall apart over the issue of Europe which is, of course, central to any party's economic policy. If that happens then there could well be a second general election and the British people might well then decide to call a halt on all this European nonsense.

You might do very well at such a time and having read your newspaper, you have obviously thought of this. The friend who showed me your paper was a member of another anti-E.U. party but left some time ago after a disagreement. I had continued to support them in my own way, but I have to say that your organisation seems far more realistic and certainly seems to have greater potential so I shall be supporting you in future.

Name Witheld, Oxfordshire.

Alcohol goes to their head

Sir,
I thought it may interest readers of *The Flag* to hear of some recent developments within the drinks industry. As you probably realise 'the drinks industry' (brewers, distillers, retailers and the many associated businesses) employs many people in this country, and through the taxes raised on alcohol sales, and the huge sums earned for the country in exports, it plays an important role in our economy.

You have surely read in the press of the problems facing the industry because of the high levels of cross channel shopping and illegal smuggling. Many jobs and much tax revenue have already been lost because of this activity. I have worked for three years in drinks retailing and am faced daily by many problems arising as a result of alcohol use and abuse. Alcohol

is very much part of our culture and if not handled properly can cause many problems. Indeed, the police tell us that most violent crime is alcohol related.

The industry has its own 'self-policing' authority in the form of 'The Portman Group', a kind of watchdog organisation funded by the industry itself. The Portman Group ensures that the industry behaves in a responsible manner, and has considerable authority. Recently they made the headlines after pressuring Carlsberg-Tetley to withdraw from sale 'Thickhead' which was felt to be an example of irresponsible marketing.

So what is the main problem facing the industry today? Could it be the high levels of taxation? Cross channel shopping? Alcohol related crime? Irresponsible marketing? Under age drinking? Not any more. The Portman Group has recently appointed a new director: Jean Cousins, formerly of the Commission for Racial Equality. Cousins, with her wealth of experience, knows exactly what her priority is: racial harassment and abuse faced by Asian licencess!

The Department of Health has also joined on the bandwagon. The Department is now funding, with our money, 'Asian-line', organised and run by 'Drink line' and 'Ethnic Alcohol Counselling in Hounslow'. It has several lines, so should the Asian alcoholic not have bothered to learn English, a Hindi, and Urdu service is available.

Never mind hospital closures, over-worked nurses and doctors, bed shortages, waiting lists or ambulances sitting idle because of staff shortages, the Department of Health feels that this is how our money should be spent. Sometimes I feel as if I were living in a sketch. **GARY, West London.**

Combine against the E.U.

Sir,
I have to tell you that I am a member of The Referendum Party, the United Kingdom Independence Party and the National Democrats. I hope that telling you this does not get me into trouble. I support all of you and I will vote for any party that offers the British people a way of getting Britain out of this disastrous European entanglement.

However I thought that you might be interested in my observation of the three parties. The Referendum Party is by far the best financed and their literature and meetings are very professional, however they have

Charles: Prince of Islam?

Sir,
Surely I cannot be the only person for whom Prince Charles was once a perfectly acceptable heir to the throne who became an embarrassment as the heir to the throne and is now totally unacceptable as the heir to the throne.

At one time I could admire his stand on issues such as the standards of architecture in Britain, the need for good neighbours and a pleasant environment. He became embarrassing when he started crying out his heart to the nation like some contestant on an American chat show, his talking to plants did not help.

But now his obvious decision that all faiths are perfectly acceptable in Britain and that Islam is the best makes him totally unacceptable. I might agree that the Church of England is very far from ideal, but what is needed is a thorough clean out of its decadent hierarchy not its replacement with an alien, anti-democratic creed like Islam.

What is worse is his hypocrisy. He talks of the need for family values and then commits adultery - presumably he wishes to be punished Islamic style. It has become so ridiculous that I am certain that if faced with the possibility of his accession, many British people would vote for a republic - and I think that would be a shame. The alternative is for him to relinquish any claim on the crown and go as far away as possible. That might just save the monarchy, nothing else will suffice. **B. WEBSTER, Suffolk**

no real policies, but I will continue to support them because Sir James Goldsmith's money might help to give us a referendum on Europe.

I have been a member of the U.K.I.P. for two years but in my part of the country they do not seem very well organised, they are good at writing letters to the paper, but their membership is made up largely of people in their sixties and seventies and they do not seem to attract younger people.

Although I do not believe you have many members in my part of the world I have been quite impressed by your local bulletins and I was surprised and pleased to see that you recently contested a European by-election in Liverpool. I am also very impressed with your newspaper, *The Flag*, which I greatly enjoy reading.

It is such a shame you cannot all get together, but overall I prefer your policies and I suspect that after the next election you will grow rapidly. Is there any chance of merging these three parties into one party? I do hope so.

NAME WITHELD, Manchester

Conned Again?

Sir,
It is a sure sign that the general election is approaching when the Tories start trotting out their familiar promises: immigration, the family, Europe, law and order. They



have been in power for 18 years during which time immigration has continued, thousands of families have been wrecked as a deliberate result of their policies of high unemployment and the reduction in family allowances, we are more deeply enmeshed in the European Union than ever before and crime has doubled.

In any sane country the Conservatives would be on the brink of annihilation, yet in Britain the opinion polls are showing a small but significant increase in their ratings. Surely we are not so stupid that some of our countrymen are believing the words of John Major, Heseltine et al. Surely the British people are not so mad that they can seriously be considering re-electing the most treacherous government in history.

I know that we British are very slow to come to our senses over such matters, but having been a very young man in the years 1936 - 40 I really am quite convinced that we have been sold out again. I pray to God that this time we have not left it too late.

P. MOORE, East London.

The editor is always pleased to receive letters, however correspondents are asked to keep their letters as short as possible so that as many as possible can be included.

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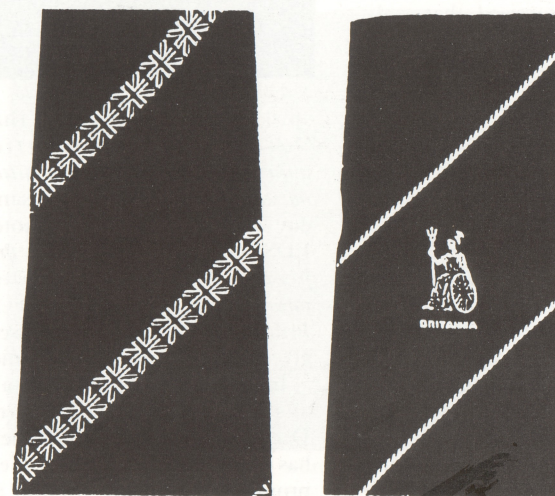
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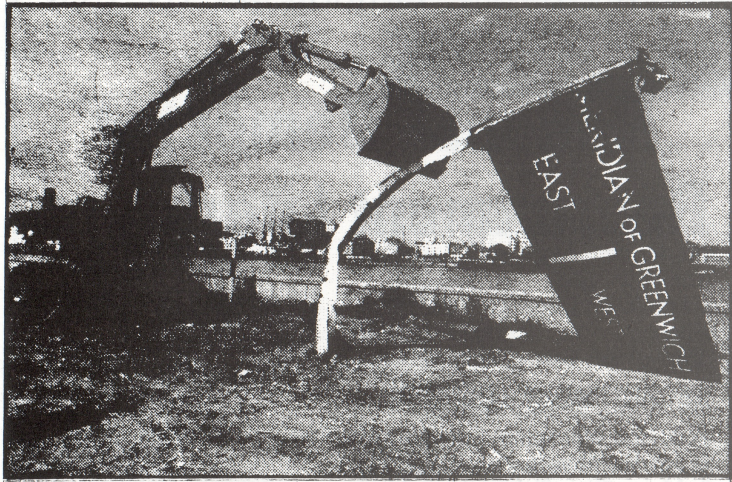
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The Millennium: The Greatest Joke On Earth



Not Christian! Not Environmentally Friendly! Not Imaginative! Of No Permanent Value! Not Likely To Be Remembered! But are we talking about the Millennium Celebrations or our present politicians?

THE LACK of imagination and the sheer stupidity associated with this celebration has become quite staggering. The first lunacy is that the Millennium Commission appears to have totally ignored the fact that this is meant to celebrate 2,000 years since the birth of Christ - it is a Christian festival. Islam uses dates from the birth of their prophet, Mohammed, other religions have their own dating system. Yet almost nothing has so far been proposed which bears much relationship with Christianity - presumably the organisers are scared of upsetting our ethnic minorities. The Church of England has been noticeable by its failure to stand up to this ludicrous situation.

The second lunacy is that the centre piece of the celebration is to be a Millennium Exhibition in Greenwich in S.E. London. While this has obvious appeal with the meridian running through the town and with historic connections with the Greenwich Observatory, from any other point of view it is ludicrous. Greenwich already has severe traffic pollution problems, about which there have been a number of public protests. It is badly served by road links which currently suffer congestion and the main rail is to be an extension of the Mickey Mouse Docklands Light Railway which is incapable of handling the large numbers that might be expected. For one year the exhibition will bring misery to the people of Greenwich.

The exhibition itself threatens

to be nothing more than a glorified trade fair with all the taste and style of the Atlanta Olympics. Large British companies have already shown how they can effectively wreck a special event with cheap commercialism - anyone who has been to the London Lord Mayor's Show in recent years will be able to testify to this. To add to all this the Labour Party has expressed reservations about the inevitable public funding of such an exhibition opening the door to this becoming a total fiasco.

Third lunacy is the proposal to build a Ferris Wheel on the South Bank of the Thames - a nice view of London but a stunningly unimaginative way in which to mark 2,000 years of Christianity. One of its few good points is that it is going to upset the Japanese owners of County Hall which they are turning into a hotel. The people riding on the wheel will have a fine view straight into the guests' bedrooms.

Fourth lunacy is that the majority of projects around Britain have absolutely no chance of being ready for 1st January 2,000, some will not be ready for 18 months to 2 years later, and in view of the fiasco of the British Library, this could easily stretch even further. Such 'late' projects include the Millennium Point in Birmingham.

The proposal to erect a Millennium Tower office block in central London verges on the edge of real madness. London with its pollution, traffic,

decaying public transport system needs a new office block like a hole in the head.

All in all the official Millennium events seem destined to aptly sum up the consequences of the last 17 years of Tory incompetence. A total lack of taste, cheap commercialism and a complete ignorance of British history and Christian values.

However it is all very well to criticise but what would the National Democrats have done. The party would welcome suggestions but I offer just a few of my own suggestions. I am sure other people could think of even better ideas.

1. The building of a permanent, new Christian heritage exhibition and cultural centre preferably built as near to the geographic centre of the United Kingdom as possible.

2. The building of a 21st century rail line, using the latest technology and propulsion systems to link London-Cardiff and London-Glasgow-Belfast.

3. A landmark change in our urban areas by reintroducing continuous green areas - Millennium Parks, Forests, Fields, even Farms to divide separate communities and encourage local pride.

4. The commencement of one major scientific and technological research and development project either in the realms of space exploration or under sea exploration. Perhaps a nation that once ruled the waves could advance our knowledge of the under sea world.



Brigitte Bardot charged with hatred over animal rights

Brigitte Bardot, the French actress and animal rights campaigner has been charged with inciting racial discrimination because she has dared to criticise the ritual slaughter of sheep by Muslims.

Patriotic?

The following extract is taken from the draft manifesto of the United Kingdom Independence Party: "A chronically protectionist EU is incapable of grasping that if it wishes to reduce the number of people anxious to migrate from these areas (Eastern Europe and Africa), it must be prepared to accept their goods since only their prosperity will ease the pressure".

So, if UKIP get elected, stand by for a flood of cheap imports from Africa and East Europe and the consequent loss of British jobs. Presumably their leadership hasn't heard of immigration controls, but will allow immigration to continue until the standard of living in Africa is the same as that in Britain.

In the section on crime there is no mention of capital punishment, but then what can one expect from ex-Liberals.

Your Tax Records Sold To The Highest Bidder

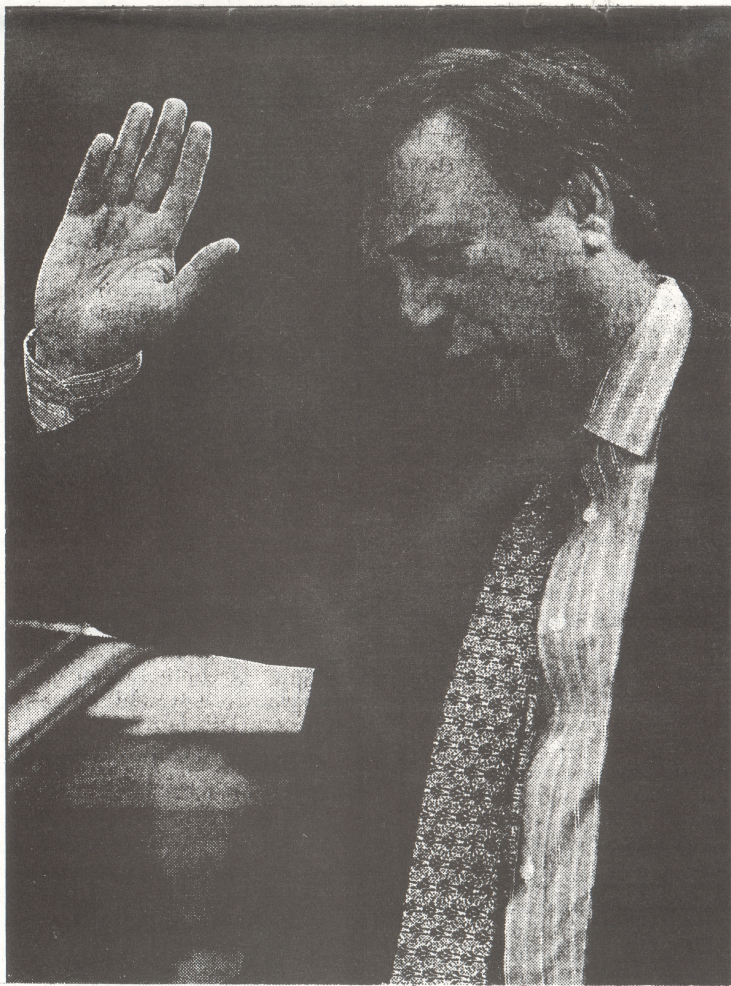
YOUR PRIVATE INLAND REVENUE tax records, including the most intimate details of your financial affairs, are to be made freely available to foreign computer staff in foreign countries all over the world. This astonishing revelation was made exclusively to a *Flag* reporter by a sympathiser working for the Inland Revenue.

The Government has admitted that overseas employees of the American EDS Corporation will be given free access to the tax records of millions of Britons. Access to your personal records will now be controlled not by your elected government and its British officials but by sundry executives across the Atlantic.

Despite the fact that these foreigners - at present in the USA and Australia but possibly in the future in India, Bangladesh or even Communist Vietnam - are not bound by our laws, specifically Section 182 of the Finance Act 1989 and the Official Secrets Act 1911, which forbid disclosure of confidential personal information gathered by the taxman. And despite the fact that the Government specifically promised that only British citizens would ever see British tax files when they flogged off the Inland Revenue's computer operations to America's EDS in 1994.

In the face of concerns about EDS's links with US megalomaniac and perennial presidential candidate Ross Perot, who has run the firm as a personal despotism, even banning 'facial hair' on his staff on pain of the sack!

The official Government press release of November 23rd 1993 announcing that the foreign firm EDS was taking over the running of the computerised British Government tax system in a billion pound deal stated flatly: "All computer work involving the processing or handling of confidential information will, as now, be carried out in the UK". The next day *The Independent* quoted an Inland Revenue



spokesman promising that "access to confidential information will not be permitted outside the UK". Whilst the same day *The Daily Telegraph* quoted EDS as having "promised that processing of confidential information will take place in Britain". Similar assurances were given in Parliament at the time.

In a series of Parliamentary answers in November and December 1996 the Government has now admitted that these promises they made to stop an outcry over the entire tax records of the whole British taxpaying population being sold to a foreign firm, were worthless lies. It has been officially admitted that EDS employees anywhere in the world are now allowed to log in to see our tax records if they

need to (or want to for that matter). If some Californian or Bangladeshi EDS programmer wants to poke through, print out or sell to the highest bidder your confidential tax records they can do. All they face, instead of a long jail term as they would in Britain, is a reprimand or at worst the sack from EDS bosses.

The reason the Government has now allowed EDS to send everybody's tax files anywhere in the world they like? Chancellor Kenneth Clarke is desperate to get his latest hobby horse: the tax self assessment in force by next April. To do that the Inland Revenue needed a computer system. Computerised Environment for Self Assessment (CESA), which went live on November 4th

EDS told him that it could produce such a system, and keep it running, if it was allowed to let all its staff all over the world work on and sign on to it. If only the 2,000 British staff EDS inherited when it took over our tax system were working on the new system it would be late, and self assessment would have to be postponed. Your tax file would stay secure. But the Chancellor would have been politically embarrassed. Better to let the world see every Briton's tax file!

And not just your tax file. In the November Budget Clarke announced that Department of Social Security computer files would be disclosed to the Inland Revenue. As *Computer Weekly* asked: "What is there now to stop our health, police, driving licence, benefits payments and other records (many of them handled through EDS) being transmitted around the world?"

What indeed? But not everyone need fear their most personal and intimate affairs being made available to be hawked to the highest bidder in the Bombay bazaar. One set of records, the Government has been at pains to stress, will not be allowed to be accessed from abroad or by foreigners. Guess whose? The files belonging to Members of Parliament, top civil servants and others judged by the Government to require "specially secure tax assessment arrangements".

Specially secure arrangements that are the right of every Briton. We answer the Government's prying personal questions and trust them with our secrets because the law says we must. In return we are entitled to have our trust respected. And that means data about Britons must be kept on British computers, in Britain, operated and accessed only by British programmers subject to British law. The prying fingers of foreign firms such as EDS should be kept firmly out of Britons' private lives. ALL Britons' private lives.

Veal Crates Still Barbaric

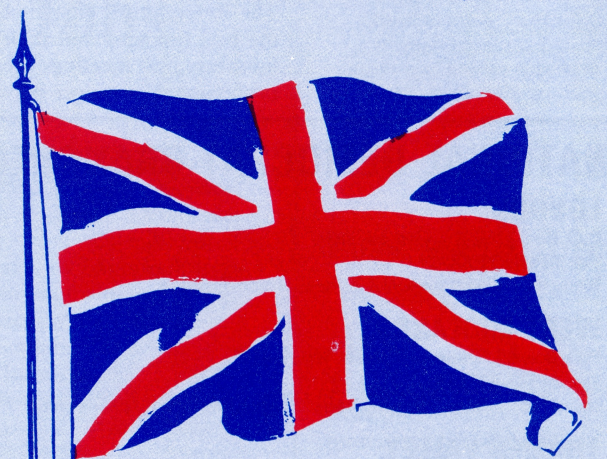
On 18th December the Government claimed a victory in the EU over the size of veal calves. Under new rules calves under eight weeks must have enough space to turn around. This pathetic 'victory' still means the calves are kept in appallingly cramped space, and even worse farmers in Europe have 10 years to phase these 'larger' crates in. Until then they can use even smaller crates.

Women find Blair 'Smarmy'

According to an opinion poll by MORI women find Tony Blair "self important, bossy and smarmy", but they also find John Major "the least inspiring of the three leaders".

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